

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) Installation for the retrieval of a pollutant fluid (4) contained in at least one section (2) of transverse tanks of a sunken ship (1), this installation comprising:

means of introducing pressurized water into the section ~~and;~~

means of delivering the pollutant fluid to the outside of the section ~~;~~

at least one connecting pipe (L) coming from an emergency ship (30) being able to be connected to one of the means of delivery; ~~and, characterized in that it comprises~~
a plurality of fixed pipes (t, T) each one having a first end and a second end (8, 9, 12, 13) ~~;~~

wherein these fixed pipes being positioned such that their first ends (8, 12) emerge at least at the level of each ~~one of the~~ corners of ~~the~~ ends of the section ~~and;~~ ~~in that~~

wherein their second ends (9, 13) are each attached to a pipe valve (10, 14) which, on the one hand, is housed in a compartment (3) fixed above the floatation line of the sunken ship and, on the other hand, can be controlled from ~~the~~ outside of the sunken ship ~~;~~ and

wherein each of the said fixed pipes being able, depending on the position of the sunken ship on the seabed, to constitute a means of introduction of pressurized water into the inside of the section or a means of delivery of the pollutant fluid to the exterior of the section.

2. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each compartment (3) containing pipe valves (10, 14) is fixed on the deck of the sunken ship (1).

3. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of~~ Claims 1 ~~and 2,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a pair of the fixed pipes (t, T) is connected to each compartment (3) containing two valves (10, 14).

4. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein each pair of fixed pipes comprises, on the one hand, a first short fixed pipe (t) ~~emerging at the~~emerging at the top part of the section (2), and, on the other hand, a second fixed pipe (T) ~~emerging in the~~emerging in the bottom part of the section and having a length greater than the height of the tanks (5, 6).

5. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that~~wherein four separate compartments (3) ~~containing pipe valves (10, 14) are associated with each section (2) of transverse tanks.~~

6. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~wherein each section (2) of the transverse tanks can be divided into several tanks (5, 6) ~~able to connect with each other after opening wall valves (7) provided in walls separating the said tanks.~~

7. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the wall valves (7) are positioned in ~~the~~the bottom part and in ~~the~~the top part of each of the walls separating the tanks (5, 6) of a section (2).

8. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~wherein each pipe and wall valve (7, 10, 14) is a parallel-slide gate valve.

9. (Currently Amended) Installation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~wherein a first end (8, 12) of a fixed pipe (t, T) emerges in each of the corners of each tank (5, 6).

10. (Currently Amended) Installation according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~wherein each tank (5, 6) is separated from an adjacent tank by a partition (40) ~~and in that this separating partition is traversed, in the~~in the vicinity of each of its corners, by a

connector (41) to which is fitted a weighted valve (42) capable, depending ~~of~~upon the position of the ship, of closing or opening ~~the~~a through passage section of ~~the~~ said connector.